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Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$151 for a Small Entity

\$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$86
 - \$86 for 12 independent claims over 3.

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